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NOTE AND COMMENT

Why, when some black sheep of a family gets into trouble, is it necessary to record that he is related to such and such a person? Why, when another man commits an offence, should it be published abroad that he occupies a certain position in this and that organization? The information may gratify the morbid instincts of a number of readers, but it is surely most cruel and unjust to those affected. Who is there who has not a relative, close or distant, who is pursuing a course of life which may at any time bring him into undesirable notoriety? Considering the number of people who live in glass houses, it is marvellous what liberties are taken with the names of others. But apart from this, why should those who are doing their best to lead decent upright lives and who are in no way responsible for the misdeeds of people with whom they have the misfortune to be connected, in some way, be made to bear the opprobrium attached to these.

Nor is it only individuals who suffer. A man is arrested for theft, we are told that he belongs to a certain fraternal order. Why should the order share his guilt? Does it guarantee the moral rectitude of all its members? A Sunday School superintendent skins out. The fact that he held that post is given wide publicity to and knowing ones talk about the hypocrites that belong to the churches, as if people do not become connected with the churches from all kinds of motives else. A disturbance occurred at Magrath in the southern part of the province a few weeks ago over an alleged attempt to abduct a child. The papers from one end of the country to the other were filled with graphic accounts of what a Mormon mob had done. As it happened, none of the parties immediately concerned were Mormons. But what if they had been? There are good Mormons as well as bad Mormons, just as there are good and bad Roman Catholics and Presbyterians. It is difficult to shut the mouths of town gossips. We shall probably always have to put up with them. But newspapers should not imitate their methods.

The recent hold up of the C. P. R. train in British Columbia has been followed by the arrest of two men, but this was not effected till one of their supposed confederates and a police officer had been killed. Possibly these occurrences will bring some of the people of the neighboring province to their senses. The attitude which they assumed to Bill Miner, of whom a large part of the population made a hero after his train-robbing and jail-breaking escapades, could have only one result. Others were bound to follow in his footsteps and this latest chapter in the history of Canadian crime was inevitable. We cannot afford to encourage modern Robin Hoods.

Two boys were killed in Winnipeg, a little girl and a soldier were run over in Winnipeg, during the celebration of Dominion Day, with reports from other localities still to come in. Evidently we are at last beginning to learn how to observe our national holiday. The list sinks into significance, of course, compared with that which will come from the south of the line on Saturday. When the number of killed gets up into the hundreds, then we shall have reason to boast of our patriotic fervor.

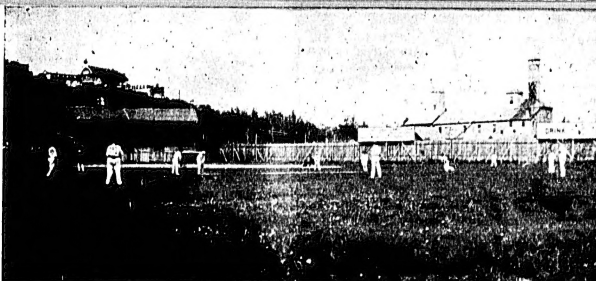
Why is work not proceeding more rapidly on Alberta's new provincial buildings? It is three years since the choice of a location was made and with reasonable speed in construction they should have been ready for occupation this coming winter. Work was begun in Regina

The Opening of the Exhibition



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For the first time in many years Edmonton and Calgary Cricketers met in the capital city a week ago Saturday, the former winning. Edmonton is at bat in the above, Daniel being in the act of bowling to Capt. Worsley.

a considerable time after it was in Edmonton and visitors to the Saskatchewan capital report that the structure is well advanced and that the completion of the work is being looked forward to at an early date. In Alberta very little has been done beyond the foundations. All of this is very much out of keeping with the reputation of a government which does things.

The election in Peace River has resulted in the return by acclamation of Mr. James K. Cornwall, the former member. Mr. T. A. Brick, having retired. That Mr. Cornwall's presence in the Legislature will result in the needs and possibilities of the north country being given full publicity to is certain.

JASPER'S NOTE BOOK

A Weekly Tale of Two Cities

Apart from the Fair, the feature of the week has been the interruption of the city's water supply. This is a subject which does not arouse one's enthusiasm. I do not propose to say who is to blame, but it has become very clear to most people's minds that something is very seriously wrong with that part of the city's administration which has to do with the supply of water, light and power. The patience which has been displayed under the circumstances has been such

that if Job were alive to-day he would feel that Edmonton was exactly the place for him. The favorite answer of officials when criticized because of a breakdown in the city service is that accidents will happen. We all recognize that, but in every walk of life, the man who has a constant succession of accidents marked up against him cannot hope to hold his job.

We are getting away from the village type of administration. It used to be that citizens undertook to criticize in detail the way municipal servants discharged their duties. If there was a sidewalk to be laid local wisacres stood alongside and told how the work should be done. If there was a fire, they did not hesitate to lay down the proper

method of fighting it. It was exceedingly annoying to the man who was on his job and drove many such out of the service of the municipality. The only way to bring about good city government is to put good men in charge of different departments whom there's reason to believe are qualified to superintend the work, then leave them alone to work out the details and judge them by the results that they have to show. On this principle to take one particular case, all are extremely well satisfied with the way the city's interests have been safeguarded by the fire department, since it was taken over and re-organized by Chief Davidson. He has had a free hand, has been content to be judged by results, and that is all there is to it. Those res-

ponsible for our supply of water and light and power should have their efficiency determined in the same way. They have fallen down badly during the past year and the people are anxious to know what the council is going to do about it. The issues at stake are too important for any trifling.

Speaking of Chief Davidson leads one to take notice of the fact that this week, Edmonton is the meeting place of an exceedingly useful body of public servants, the fire chiefs of Western Canada, who are holding their annual convention under the presidency of Chief Buchanan of Winnipeg. The progress which the science of fire fighting has made in the past quarter of a century is very remarkable and Western Canada has been kept fully abreast of the times. That with the large proportion of wooden buildings that every city, town and village in this part of the Dominion shows, there are so few serious losses is a very striking tribute to the ability of the different fire brigades. This annual convention is not merely an excuse for a holiday jaunt, as a great many conventions are. The discussions are of a serious character and the interchange of ideas has proven of the greatest value. How important they consider their work is made evident by the annual report of the secretary. Their duty is not complete when they help one another to educate themselves as fire fighters. They are under the necessity of educating their masters, as the following instructive message shows:

"There is a class of men who require education with regard to the needs of any community in the creation and maintenance of its fire protection more than the members of our civic governments; drawn for the most part from avenues of business that do not permit them to learn by experience, they are almost wholly unable to judge of the requirements of their locality. We are, therefore, confronted with the necessity of disseminating useful and of course reliable information on such important subjects."

This is rather severe commentary on our civic governments. Imagine the clerks in the employ of our various merchants meeting in convention and resolving to do everything possible to educate their employers in the best methods of pushing business.

General Manager Chamberlain of the G. T. P. went west on the line as far as Tofield this week. The citizens of that enterprising burg surmise the celebration on him that they expected to give Mr. Morse a year, or so ago. This looks as if the arrival in Edmonton cannot be long delayed. Tofield is about forty miles out. What sort of a welcome will Edmonton give? Do some of our citizens feel sufficiently recovered from that which they gave the C. N. R. four years ago to participate in another?

Two new street cars went on duty the first day of the fair and the service was accordingly improved. Counting the Strathcona cars a five minute service has been given between the Namayo Avenue crossing of the C. N. R. and Ninth street, which is to drop into the language of conversation, going south. Those who have been accustomed to avoiding the watchful eye of the conductor will have to steer clear of the new cars, which are built on the pay-as-you-enter system. The powers-that-be are all right in the street railway department. Trouble, however, frequently arises with the power-that-isn't.

About \$2,000 was collected as a result of the effort made last Saturday and Sunday on behalf of the hospital. In view of the numerous appeals that have been made in recent months on behalf of the same object, the result is most creditable.

We learn that the projectors of a tag day in Edmonton, on behalf of the Y.W.C.A. have abandoned the idea as "public sentiment seemed against it." Public sentiment is always against such methods. The trouble in other places has simply (Continued on page 5)

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THE LOUNGER

The recent gathering of Women of All Nations in Toronto was responsible for this outburst from a local poet.

Here is a pregnant question brother mine,
 To think upon to-night.
 Have all the husbands of this bunch
 Their buttons sewed on tight?

Those brilliant mathematicians who participated in the Lounger's cigarette round competition have given me another chance to distinguish myself. I am advised by the mathematical department of the University of Gottingen, Germany, which, of course, watched the cigarette controversy with the interest which it shows in all scientific progress, that a prize of \$25,000 has been offered for a demonstration of the Fermat Theorem, which briefly stated, is as follows:

"The sum of the nth powers of two positive integers cannot be an nth power for any value of n except 2."

I shall be pleased to forward all demonstrations to the proper address.

What was the "midway" at Chicago and the "Pike" at St. Louis is the "Paystreak" at Seattle. There is a slight difference, however, between a "paystreak" in its ordinary sense and at a world's fair. In the Yukon, it pays you. At Seattle you are the one to do the paying. Innocent young men from the prairie please take note of the distinction.

Mr. Newlywed had taken his wife to the fair grounds, and was, of course, anxious that she should participate in what he considered the "sure thing" of the day. So he joyfully informed her that he had put \$20 in her name on Surefoot.

"It's a damn horse," he exclaimed, "and the price is 10 to 3." "But what does 10 to 3 mean?" queried Mrs. Newlywed, whose knowledge of racing matters was slightly limited.

"Why," said her husband, "surely that's simple enough. If you have \$20 on a horse, and it starts at 10 to 3 and wins you get \$200." "Oh, how splendid!" said the wife clapping her hands at the prospect of such easily-gained wealth; but what shall I get if he doesn't start until 3 o'clock?"

King Alfonso lets loose a lot of prisoners every time an addition is made to the Spanish royal family. At the present rate of progress, it looks as if there will soon be a few prison officials out of a job.

The practical character of the age we live in is illustrated by the story of the man who felt compelled to refuse a friend's invitation to dinner on the ground that he was staying at his hotel on the American plan. Here is a country house story along the same line:

"What? Going?" "Yes," he replied, "going." There was a brief silence. Her breathing could be distinctly heard. "I may as well tell you," he said in a low passionate voice, "I came down here to stay through the entire house party. I had no other thought but that I came careless and indifferent to anything but idle pleasure."

"You were here. You, whom I had never seen before. I found, after the first day, that your face was beginning to haunt me—your voice to linger on in my heart. I tried to dismiss you, but it was impossible. I struggled against it. I saw that it was hopeless. And so I am going away, away where I can forget this brief dream of happiness, when I can drown my feelings, where I can recover from this madness."

He looked at her beseechingly. "Will you forgive me," he smiled, "for intruding myself upon you? Believe me, I was carried away for the moment. I had no thought of telling you this."

apartment in town, without any subletting clause."

A country minister in the course of his visiting stayed at a house where a roast chicken was served for dinner. The chicken looked good to him.

"Well," he chuckled remarked, "here's where that chicken enters the ministry."

"Hope it does better there than in lay work," rejoined the small boy of the family, who recognized an old barnyard retainer.

When the Frost Came

A Story of Early Times in Ontario which has a western application.

"And then the frost came."

To even partially understand the meaning conveyed in the words one must have a clear mental picture of the surroundings when the calamity occurred.

The time spoken of was half a century ago. A young couple—James Buchanan and his wife—had established themselves on the fringe of the swamp, which then extended up through Amaranth and Luther. It was not a palatial home, with Brussels carpet and old oak furniture, that they occupied, nor were there wide fire and well-filled barns for a background.

A TYPICAL PIONEER CABIN. The home was a cabin in the woods. It was all in one apartment, barely as large as the dining room of the houses you may find in the same section to-day. The walls were of logs, with the bark still on, and the spaces between the logs were partially filled with moss. The roof was made of basswood logs split in half.

During the winter the snow had lain in heaps here and there over floor and bed after a night's storm.

In the spring, after a winter spent in chopping out a clearing, the husband had gone down to "the front," by Brampton or Cooksville, to earn money by working for farmers, whose holdings were fairly well cleared, leaving the wife at home to plant and hoe the potatoes and see that cattle were kept out of the little patch of wheat growing amid blackened stumps of the previous year's clearings.

The grain had almost reached the ripening stage; there was every promise of an abundant supply of bread at least for another year.

"And then the frost came." What that meant only those who have been through the experience know. The wheat could not be sold; it was useless for bread, and there were no hogs available to turn it into lard. The bears would have destroyed the pigs if any had been there.

"FOR YEARS, AND YEARS, AND YEARS."

"Did that occur in more than one season?"

The question was put to Mrs. Buchanan.

"In more than one year? The same thing went on for years, and years, and years"—the voice ending almost in a wail of anguish as memories of the bitter days came back in a flood.

"Not only was our own wheat ruined," said Mr. Buchanan, as he took up the thread of the story, "but the calamity extended over a wide neighborhood. I have paid— from money earned by toiling in the fields of Peel—\$2 a bushel for wheat which, when ground, would not make bread that was fit to eat."

"And when we had bread we had nothing else in the way of food," continued his wife. "For a whole year the first settlers lived on bread without milk or sugar."

"Had you no cows or hens?" Mrs. Buchanan was asked.

"We had cows but, when I was left alone, they wandered off in the bush and dried up. Hens were brought in again and again, but the foxes took them before we were able to get them. It was not much the deprivation as the shame of our poverty when strangers came our way."

Mr. Buchanan felled the trees out of which the cabin was built. Even the floor and the door, made of split cedar, were fashioned with the axe, and when Mrs. Buchanan joined her husband, on the 21st of December, there were two feet of snow on the ground.

There the first winter was spent, the husband toiling during the day felling trees, and in the evenings husband and wife sat together with nothing but the open fire place to give them light.

A BUSY HOUSEWIFE. When spring came, and Mr. Buchanan left to work in the fields at the front of Peel, Mrs. Buchanan had her hands full.

"When we came in," said she, "we brought webs of flannel and failed cloth with us, and from these made the clothes we wore. I took raw wool, carded it, spun it and made mitts and socks, making dollars and dollars in this way. I plaited straw hats and sold them too. When I wanted groceries I had to walk to Orangeville for them. Many a time have I walked that ten miles and back, leaving at nine in the morning and returning at three and four in the afternoon without anything to eat in the interval. Even when we got better off, and had cows and oxen, things were hard enough. For butter, taken to Orangeville with an ox team, we never got more than a York shilling in the early days."

HOME MADE REMEDIES. Fortunately there was little sickness in the early days, and for such as occurred simple remedies sufficed.

"Catnip and tansy tea were available in every cabin," said Mrs. Buchanan, "and for boils we had salve made from the ever-ready balm of gilead. The greatest hardship was in the absence of schools and churches. For years we were wholly without schools, and church services, held at infrequent intervals, took place in the homes of settlers. And yet, with all the periods of loneliness, and all the scanty fare of the early days, I cannot say we were unhappy. There were compensations for the hardships. We were young, hope remained even amid the disheartening effects due to untimely frosts, and we were borne up by the fact that we were building a home."

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When the wind calls,
And no four walls
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Then it's out and up and far away,
And if at nights there's a score to pay,
Why, where is the wight that's carine!

Aye, it's Will o' the truant foot for me,
And a "pouf" for what so his kindred be!

Just his eye lead,
And his thews steel,
A lover of dawn and gloaming,
Then it's out and up and far away,
And we'll drain the very dregs of the day

Ere ever we hie a-homing!
Bide, an' ye will, where it's weather-proof,
But give me the range of the sky for roof!

Just the broad blue,
And a stout shoe,
A pack and a comrade trusty!
Then it's out and up and far away,
Till the last star brinks through its shroud of gray,

Devil may care and dusty.
—Clinton Scollard in New York Sun.

If I am to believe my ears, the meagre skeleton of a type I dashed you off last week aroused your in-

terest just sufficiently to make you all disagree as to her identity, which was precisely what I had hoped for.

You see I hadn't the very least idea of having you all fit the clothes to the figure, lacking a name to the finished product, and cataloguing her Mrs. — as "Peggy" sees her.

For my purpose Mrs. — was only an interesting type, there generally being one and more of her in every community. "But you can't draw a portrait with any degree of accuracy," a friend of mine insists, "because you're too good a lover and a hater. If you admire a woman you can't see her faults, and if you dislike her, in other words

"And if she be not fair to ME," then what care I fair she be? — you can't recognize her good points", which is true up to a certain point. In my personal relations I am free to admit this is one of my failings, but surely when I take my pen in my hand, slip off my identity as Mrs. — and don that of a "By-stander," a student in a sense of all that passes under my notice, I can be big enough to enjoy human nature in its various multiplicities as much as I can the characters, bad as well as good, in a novel. Gin a body not appeal to a body's mind and not her heart and vice versa?

Because in my personal relations my friend's

"Very frowns are fairer far Than smiles of other persons are" — need I carry the point further and make it equally true of all I write.

My friend is wrong, I love many a body with my head but not with my heart, and likewise strange bundles of contradictions and weaknesses that weighed in the balance of my reason wouldn't agitate the scales to any extent.

Some persons assured me it was an unerrin' portait, which would lead one to suppose that "Somebody" I didn't know who they were talking about, answered to the description. Good or bad I leave her with you. Puzzle picture, find the original of this. I confess to you have been at pains to "touch up" the portait, you are all so penetrating.

Young Albertans, No. 14



Photo by Burk

Charles Saunders, St. Catherine street.

Age 2 years

Which is where breeding tells every time.

Yes and no. Do women admire her? Yes and no. She is a triumph of the negative rather than remarkable for any qualities of a positive nature. She is the antithesis of my Type No. 1. If you said Suffragette she would faint; essentially feminine she is some men's idea of a perfect wife. I might write you that she has the tact to look handsome and so cover a dearth of even ordinarily brightness, that she doesn't bubble over with enthusiasm — calm, far-sighted, selfish, admirable in a cold and rather stately fashion she pursues the even tenor of her way. If her life went out tomorrow we would say, and say honestly, how sorry we were, but for the blank that even a woman of many faults very often leaves behind her you would look in vain. The realities of life, deep love, sorrow, joy have never touched her. She was and is, not, is all you could say of her.

But I have a "Him" to add to this collection of "Hers." I have many Hims who might be included in the selections. Philip though is a familiar figure to all of you. I have merely to add a stroke of my pen and you would have him pat. But that might mean that Philip never afterwards would recognize me, which would be a mistake.

I rather like Philip. I'd like him better if I didn't know him quite so well, but as a type he is preferable. Every man about town knows him, and his little idiosyncracies. He comes of a highly respectable family, belongs to all the right things, clubs and all that and knows his way about. He is a Man of the World, at least he says he is, and I think he thinks he's wicked. I believe him. Time was when people spoke of him as a rising man, he isn't, he's a setting one. Kerp lung Philip's light went out — well, more than a month ago. At the present time P. has come to a realization of the fact.

There are so many of him, these chaps who win the town their races, Continued on page 10

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Macleod, Tuesday, 23rd November, 1909; Wednesday, 25th May, 1910.
Lethbridge, Tuesday, 26th October, 1909; Tuesday, 26th April, 1910.
S. B. WOODS,
Deputy Attorney General
Dated at Edmonton, 11th June, 1909

MUSIC AND DRAMA

The closing recitals by the pupils of Mr. Vernon Barford have come to occupy an important place in the Edmonton musical year. On Saturday afternoon and evening the programme given by those in the junior and intermediate classes brought out a large attendance, and the excellence of the work done elicited many congratulations for pupils and teacher. Unfortunately it was my privilege to be present at but one of the series, that on Monday night, when All Saints' school room was crowded to its capacity. Those on the programme had the advantage of Mr. Barford's training for a considerable period and he had every reason to be proud of the results accomplished. Miss Helen Montgomery, who had assigned to her an unusually heavy evening's work, a young pianist of whom much should be heard in the years to come. Mendelssohn's Concerto in G Minor, famous both by reason of its never-ending popularity and its difficulty, was given an unusually fine rendition. Barford taking the second piano part. But Miss Montgomery's principal triumph was in Godard's "La Route," which was most enthusiastically received. This was preceded by Bauer's "The Crusade."

With Miss Gretina Mercer's ability, readers of the Saturday News are already well acquainted. Her work is characterized by rare power and feeling. Unfortunately on Monday night she was physically unable to finish her double number. Weber's ever beautiful "Invitation to the Vale" was given in most musically fashion and Hollander's March in D Flat was proceeding admirably when Miss Mercer was forced to abandon it. Her place in the closing number, with Miss Montgomery, Goria's "Belisario Fantasia" was taken by Mr. Barford.

Miss Lillian Grindley's double number was an excellent example of what careful training joined to natural aptitude can do. Schubert's Impromptu in B Flat, an ambitious effort, was a notable performance. The "Serenade Hongroise" by Miss Edna Grindley and Miss Nora Campbell was faultlessly given, while Miss Weeks' two numbers showed the result of much conscientious effort.

The vocal duets by Miss Pinckston and Mr. Turner, both of whom are always heard with the greatest pleasure, varied the programme. Lohr's "The Day is Done" was particularly enjoyable.

The Edmonton Opera House has done what is probably the biggest business in its history this week. "The Show Girl" held the boards for the first four nights and delighted everybody. No better musical comedy has been seen in the city.

Dionysius Fly and the members of the Sophocles Dramatic Company are genuine comedians and kept the audience in roars of laughter from their first appearance. Mr. Nelson's Garrick McCready is particularly worthy of mention. Miss Oswald in the title role gave an excellent rendition of the several fine solos that fell to her lot, while Miss Nellie Nicholas and Betty made one of the hits of the evening with her imitations of Anna Held, Marie Cahill, Harry Lauder and others. The chorus have plenty of animation and fresh young voices, which it is a delight to hear after those of the ordinary travelling organizations. "A Trip to India" is being given the last two nights of the week and should prove worthy of a hearty welcome.

ALBERTA COLLEGE PIANO EXAMINATIONS.

The music examinations of the piano department were held on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, the acting examiner being Mr. Frank Wrigley of Calgary.

The results of the year's work were most gratifying, there being some 200 pupils in this department, and Mr. V. P. Hunt's first year a director of the piano department of Alberta College gave evidence of careful and experienced teaching. The requirements of the examination were of a high order, the candidates taking good marks, and many of them reached honor standing. In the closing concert the piano pupils of Mr. Hunt distinguished themselves by showing a good technique and musical conception of the pieces rendered. Miss Bertha Battick in Liszt's Liebestraum No. 11; Miss Percy Kemp in Mendelssohn's Concerto in G Minor; Miss Eva Howey gave a beautiful rendering of an Impromptu by Schubert; Miss Birdie Henry sang up to by Hummel. Miss Irene Tait played Murmuring Breezes by Jensen-Niemann, and Lack's Valse Arabesque by Miss Gervase Hanna. This young girl gives promise of becoming a brilliant pianist with continued study. Both pupils and teachers are to be congratulated upon the results of the year's work.

The one and only John L. Sullivan has been appearing before crowded houses all week at the Empire and everyone appears to have enjoyed his monologue and the sparring exhibition which he puts on with his former rival, Jake Kilrain. Altogether it is quite a pugilistic evening that is provided. The pictures of the Gans-Herman and the Cor-

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bett-McCoy fights are followed with interest and the other features make up an entertainment which undoubtedly gave satisfaction to those present.

Athletics

The Western Canada League baseball situation has not improved materially from an Edmonton standpoint. Manager McGuire's men won the first game and tied the other on the holiday with Lethbridge but they are still in last place and a poor last at that. Medicine Hat is again at the top, with Winnipeg close behind. Calgary has been showing decidedly improved form and is in third place with a good chance of creeping up still further before long, judging by the two defeats which it handed out to the leaders this week. Lethbridge, Brandon, Moose Jaw and Regina follow in the order named, with very little between any of them.

The Wetaskiwin Turf Club's postponed meeting was nulled off on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week and brought good crowds and fine sport. As a diversion baseball games were put on by the local baseball club with Camrose and Sedgwick. The former town won by 3-2 and the latter was defeated by 13-7.

New Westminster retains the Minto Cup, though the Toronto Tecumsehs were a different proposition from the Regina pot-hunters. The two scores, 6-4 in the first and 6-5 in the second, tell the story and show that the high hopes of the Toronto Indians were well justified. That the cup remains at the Coast where the game is seen at its very best is a matter for general congratulation. New Westminster's example should serve to encourage other towns and cities to cultivate the material that they have at home before they scour the country for aid in building up a team.

The Jacobson Cup has been the means of keeping up cricket in the Red Deer district for some years. Last week Pine Lake won it from Red Deer by eight wickets. Pine Lake scored 36 in the first and 65 for two in the second. F. G. Burroughs, Sharpe and Atter were the principal scorers. Red Deer made 25 and 47. C. Clark, H. and Mann, 13, were the two to get into double figures for the home club.

The hope of raising cricketers in Canada lies mostly with the residential schools. It is satisfactory therefore to find that Upper Canada College was able to make so good a showing as it did against the touring Haverford team, the visitors being defeated by 150 to 120.

In the annual school fixture between U.C.C. and Trinity College school, Port Hope, which has been played for many years, Port Hope won by 32 runs.

HOW JOHN L. SULLIVAN HAS HELPED TO MAKE BOXING RESPECTABLE.

John L. Sullivan, who is appearing before large audiences at the Empire this week, gave out the following interview shortly after his arrival: "I claim—and it will not be denied by any sport who has been wise for the last quarter of a century—that I made professional boxing respectable, able, so that decent men were not ashamed to go to a boxing show. Why, when I sparred Charley Mitchell in Madison Square Garden, May 14, 1883, there was the greatest gathering of high lights in all the professions, the 400, and the politicians who were worth while. I noticed Charles A. Dana, the great editor and United States Senator Roscoe Conkling in the crowd, and if I called off the men who were big loads in the political, social and financial pulpit in that day, most of them might have sung out 'Present' that night. Mr. Dana and Senator Platt never agreed upon one thing, and they were so much opposed to one another that one time on a train from Philadelphia to New York, Conkling was about to take the only vacant seat when he discovered that it was next to the one occupied by Dana. Conkling stood up all the way to New York.

"I agree with Charles A. Dana in only one thing," said Senator Conkling, "and that is that there has never been a fighter to equal John L. Sullivan, and probably never will be another like him."

During a swing around the Pennsylvania towns, I was trailed by a noisy-fisted fellow who was screwing up his courage to give me a whirl with the gloves. At every stand he'd call me aside and tell me that that night he was going to get up in the audience and dare me to take him on four rounds.

"There never was anything or anybody as welcome as you when you are ready," I told him every time, up to the time I got tired.

Night after night I'd see him in the audience, on the verge of jumping up and getting into the programme, but crawling back at the last. When we got to Pittsburg the thing was a chestnut, and as he had been threatening to arrive, I thought it time to call him bluff. He came to me to give me the daily promise about doing the trick that night.

"Come up to my room and we'll talk it over," said I.

We went upstairs and when I got him in, I locked the door and throwing out some gloves, said to him: "You'll need some training before you go on with me, and here's where I give it to you."

He tried to tell me he didn't need any training, but I wouldn't have it. "Put 'em on, or I'll train you without gloves, and that won't be so easy."

I stood him off and elbuted him just easy so as to make his face red and his nose bleed a little, and when he was played out I took him by the collar and hoisting him through the door, I told him if I ever again saw him in an audience of mine, I'd pull him on the stage and give him the real stuff. I've not seen him since."



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Home and Society.

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tennis enthusiasts but a great many of their friends who are content to go and watch and chat.

Mrs. Alan Fraser is entertaining at the tea hour this (Friday) afternoon in honor of Mrs. Wilmot of Brandon, who is at present visiting her sister Mrs. McCallum, Twelfth street.

Mrs. Lodge had a smart little luncheon of four covers on Friday for Mrs. McCallum of Regina, when the decidedly pretty hostess was beautifully gowned in palest pink, and the table was charmingly arranged with the loveliest pink roses in a brown glaze and wicker Japanese bowl. Those who had the honor of being invited to this congenial little luncheon were: Mrs. McCallum, Mrs. Belcher and Mrs. H. C. Wilson. After luncheon the guests drove down to the sports at camp, and so ended a pleasant afternoon.

Between thirty and forty small boys and girls, the latter in the very prettiest frilly frocks, participated in little Louise Cunningham's birthday party on Saturday afternoon last, when games and swings and finally high tea on the lawn at the side of the house filled their cup of enjoyment to overflowing. I had a fleeting glimpse of the pretty picture they made as I passed by to golf, and a small boy later informed me that it was a perfectly lovely party all round.

In the evening Mr. Joseph Morris came along with his motor and rendered the last happy touch to the day by taking veritable loads of youth and beauty for a whizz around the town. I believe Louise has now attained the dignity of four summers; one will wish for her many happy returns of the delightful day.

Mrs. Bourchier entertained a few of her intimate friends at the tea hour on Tuesday.

Mrs. Emery had a jolly "shower" tea for Miss Allanson, the bride-to-be of two weeks' hence (her marriage to Mr. Frith taking place on July the 14th) on Thursday afternoon last, when a number of this happy party's friends gathered to drink tea and wish her all happiness, and sprinkle her with such useful gifts as go to make the running of a house a comparatively easy matter. The idea had been to have tea on the lawn, which by the way is looking perfectly charming at the present time, the shrubs, velvety grass carpet and flowering plants reminding one of the well-kept grounds of the lovely homes back east, but the Weather Man sitting perched up in the clouds just caught the word "shower," and thought he'd better have a try at a sprinkle himself, and so sent the merry tea party scurrying to the shelter of the summer house. However, the fragrant brew was no less delightful in this pretty spot and after an hour's chat every one adjourned to the house where the guest of honor was kept busy unwrapping her many gifts.

Miss Allanson was looking very sweet and happy in a dainty white frock, with a large picture hat with red roses, and a knot of the same fragrant Beauties in her belt. Mrs. Emery was gowned in pretty yellow muslin, and Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. MacMahon poured tea and coffee and Mrs. Williamson Taylor had charge of the ices.

The Deputy Commissioner and Mrs. McCallum of Regina have been the guests of Col. and Mrs. Belcher during their visit in town.

Miss Addie Belcher, by the way, is home again looking very bright and strong after her absence of six months.

Dr. and Mrs. Wentworth Irving and their little son and Mrs. McLennan are leaving on Monday for a summer outing in the Okanagan Valley.

Mrs. Swaisland and her small daughters are leaving some time early in August for a visit to Port Hope, where Mrs. Metcalfe, Mrs. Swaisland's mother, has one of the fine old places of the town of beautiful old-time homes.

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Mrs. Bower Campbell had an informal little bridge of two tables for Mrs. Wilmot of Brandon on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis have been the raison d'être of any number of social happenings during their stay in town, Mrs. Murphy being still another hostess to entertain in their honor on Thursday evening. I noticed them at "The Show Girl" on Wednesday night, with their host and hostess, and scattered throughout the house a great many other small theatre parties enjoying the droll vagaries and nonsense of "the inseparable three."

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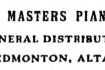
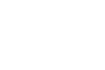
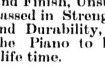
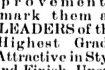
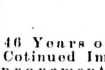
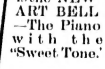
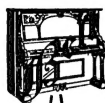
boys in camp said a little naughty say on Friday last, when the Probs. Man behaved in such a spitefully dampening fashion just in time to spoil the sports. Of course the women, love the boys as they might, couldn't chance having their best linen suits rendered limp at one wearing, and their canvas shoes soaked and muddled so everyone was disappointed, and the sports were carried out in only half-hearted fashion. But I did hear that both old and new regiments covered themselves with glory, that Gen. Otter was delighted with the way they went through their paces on inspection day, and Colonel Edwards with a beaming face confided to me that such praise as General Otter gave the men, both to their faces and in private conversation, meant more than the usual empty words of commendation. Next year the "boys" will doubtless be up in "balloon" drill, and will know how to deal with weather men and other aggravating things, that sit way up in clouds and fire hail stones at best Sunday bonnets.

Mrs. Justus Wilson is the guest of Mrs. Herring Cooper during her husband's absence with Major Saunders on his surveying trip to the foothills.

Last Tuesday Mrs. Webster had a most enjoyable tea party for her guest, Mrs. Donald, who left on Saturday to visit her son, Dr. Donald of Lesser Slave Lake. It was one of those pleasantly informal Five O'Clockers when guests had time for an intimate chat and room to sit down and listen in comfort to Miss Webster singing some charming songs. I heard that she sang in particularly good voice at Mrs. Emery's "shower tea" and added very greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion.

The Cooking Lake cottagers are all preparing for their summer camp. Mrs. Cooper has already been out, but came in for Fair week. The Gull-Lakers are also getting ready for their yearly flitting; soon town will begin to look deserted.

Year after year of Mr. Barford's Pupils' Recitals is demonstrating what an admirable musician and teacher Edmonton possesses in his person. To be able to perform well personally is usually one thing, to impart the knowledge to others a very much more difficult matter. Mr. Barford does both with equal facility. To-day Edmonton has no reason to be ashamed of her musical status; we have talent here, we have a man with the sure knowledge of how to direct and make the most of



it. And if I rise to this occasion to congratulate the teacher as well as the pupils of this week's concert, I do so because I know from personal experience the discouragements of a teacher's and a musician's profession, because I want in his lifetime to acknowledge the debt the Capital City of Alberta feels under to a man who has labored early and late for the love and credit of his calling.

PEGGY

JASPER'S NOTE BOOK

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been that some agency for the expression of public opinion has not stood out and protested against a scheme which violates common decency. I think it fair to point out that the Saturday News (not this department) took strong ground against the idea and that it may be said to have saved the citizens from the infliction sustained elsewhere. Should not somebody get up a public testimonial or at least move a vote of thanks?

Mr. John Walter is building a steamer which will accommodate nearly 500 passengers and will be fitted up in such a way that it can be used to good advantage for excursion purposes. This is very welcome news. Those who have gone up the river on Mr. Walter's small boat know how enjoyable such an outing can be and we have not so much to do in the summer that we can regard lightly such an excellent means of getting out from the city and passing a day amid the natural beauty of the Saskatchewan. The only chance that a person now has to obtain some realization of the charms of the river is to take a trip down with J. A. L. McDougall on one of his rafts or in mid-winter, when a walk along the frozen river bed is a never failing source of delight—that is when the thermometer does not go an unreasonable distance below zero.

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Here and There

As we have lately been having an epidemic of militarism, and things soldier-like, are de rigueur, I am offering the following as a suggestion in the solution of difficult problems:

General Stawes was a mat'net, a stickler for etiquette, a man with a prodigious sense of his own dignity, and when Private Weigh, the bugler, one day failed to honor him in passing with the customary salute he flew—internally—into a towering rage.

"Knutt," he said, that afternoon to the Colonel, "Private Weigh failed to salute me this morning. A breach of etiquette, sir. A piece of impertinence—my dignity—haw! See that the man is severely reprimanded."

Colonel Knutt trembled and nodded and next day spoke to the captain.

"Bisect," he said, "Private Weigh failed to salute the General yesterday. Please see that he is severely reprimanded."

"Right, sir," said Captain Bisset, and the next day he spoke to the sergeant.

"Sergeant," he said, "Weigh didn't salute the General yesterday. Please see that he is severely reprimanded."

"Look here, Blinks," said the sergeant to the corporal bugler, "give Weigh a good talking to, will you?" He didn't salute the old General the other day."

Finally the corporal bugler communicated with Private Weigh. "Look here, funny face," said he, "if you don't salute old Poker-back next time you meet him, what-ho, young feller, you'll get a blooming clout on the ear 'ole."

Seeing General Otter in town takes us back to the time of the rebellion, when hard tack that was wormy, rancid bacon and sour alkali water made a good meal for a hungry man hundreds of miles away from anywhere or nowhere. If any did not earn their salt with blue ribbon by bullet wounds, serious injuries or gallant charges they had enough stomach ache to entitle them to something, and those who have been alkali in good shape know that it's sufficiently painful to earn a D.S.O.

Talking of poor water I have been trying to do some photography this summer, but have given it up as most of the negatives were spoiled with sand or dirt, and when once sand gets on the gelatine nothing that I know of will remove it. So the fair attempts are put away, mostly scratched and scraped or disfigured. Why don't we make arrangements for our water supply far enough ahead to be on time? Soon we shall be wanting additions to our water works and electric force, so would it be well to be a little over-powered for a change and work up to it rather than to wait till it is so necessary that we all ache for a change. This morning by spurts or a little bit behind he tokens a doubt as to our future, as though we were afraid population was not coming or that we should not arrive in the end. When Pat found his trousers too short at the bottom he suggested to his wife cutting off a piece at the top and sewing it onto the bottom. Our calculations as to water supply and power would seem to be built on much the same lines. If we do not show confidence in ourselves and our future how can we expect outsiders to do so?

In the old days of the blue laws a storekeeper pushed his head through the door between the private apartments and the store, and called to his grocery boy in the morning thus, "When there's watered the whiskey and sugar, John, there can come in to prayers." In our case there would be sand in the whiskey as well as in the sugar and in all we eat. It is not so bad in one's hair for it will brush out, but it's gritty in the teeth when it gets in off the tooth-brush unwares.

Perhaps it would be as well to switch off the former well-worn subject and introduce a novel dissertation on science.

Maude, who was born on a New Jersey farm, got hold of her older sister's history book and began to read the history of the Reformation. Soon she stopped and looked at her father, a dairyman.

"Papa," she asked, "what is a Papal bull?"

The old man scratches his forehead a moment. "I never seen none o' them here kind," he said after a long pause. "But I guess they're Italian. I never heard tell of a Papal bull in these parts."

"Perhaps they're extinct," remarked Maude's mother, with a learned look, "like the Dinna Sours."—New York Press.

It's a very difficult thing to get things evened up in this world, and so many have fancied injuries or distorted imaginations as to their wrongs. Still, I think here was some excuse for the following:

"The head of a big firm of contractors was walking round the

premises, and stopped to converse with one George, a staid old man.

"Well, George, how goes it?" he said.

"Fair to middlin', sir," George answered. "Fair to middlin'."

And he continued to rub down a bay horse, while the other looked on in silence. "Me and this 'ere hoss," George said, suddenly, "has worked for six years."

"Well, well," said the boss, thinking a little guiltily of George's very low wage. "And I suppose you are both pretty valuable, George, eh?"

"H'm," said George. "Both of us took ill last week, and they got a doctor for the hoss, but they just docked my pay."

It is evidently a great saving of trouble and expense not to be too particular in this world and so adapt oneself to circumstances or the accidents of life. In this matter very often the dark races can be more philosophical than the whites. A young dandy down south obtained a license to marry Lucinda, when he had agreed to marry Kate. It would cost him something to get a new license. But he proved equal to the occasion. "Dere aint no \$175 difference between dem two niggers, and I'll just marry Lucinda."

Which he did.

I went into a store on Jasper Avenue to buy a shirt or two. You may say this is a trivial matter; possibly it is, but, as I hope to show there is a great principle involved. Now a little while ago I bought several shirts at different places in the province, but, to my chagrin and disgust, found there was not any too much shirt to get into and there was always a danger of coming in two in the middle, so that a certain intermediate portion of the anatomy was not covered up. Another thing the left sleeve was invariably shorter than the right, and so the right cuff was a great deal longer than the left but the left does not; and so sparse is the material that there is great difficulty in climbing into said shirts and they don't sit well.

As I looked at the shirts in the store aforesaid I came on one or two that looked as if they might do, but still there was no way of finding out if the sleeves were the same length or that they were more satisfactory than the others, all being neatly folded. Suddenly, the gent who was in charge said, "It's an English shirt that you might like."

It popped across my memory that lately the News published a poem about "There's Something in the English after all." So, said I, "What's the difference?" "Well, sir," said he, "they're longer and there's more material in them." "Oh," said I, "let's look at them." He produced, and liking the look of the goods I bought a couple. To-day I put one on. The result: complete satisfaction. "There's something in the English after all." The shirt is longer, there's more of it and it does not pull in direct proportion to its not skimpiness. Both sleeves are equal length and both cuffs come down below the coat sleeve and it sits better in front. There's more shirt for the money and far greater satisfaction. This English shirt we may call a "free trade" shirt, the others "protectionist" shirts and here is where we come to the principle involved.

As we drift about we find free trade goods enjoy keener competition so we get a better article and more for our money, and, as a rule, we obtain the articles cheaper. Free trade is evidently "the" thing for the consumer the other method "the" thing for the manufacturer. In future I am going to buy free trade shirts and let others buy the protectionist shirts.

"Once bit twice shy." This is an anomaly, no doubt, but it is so that when we buy free trade clothing we get a better article, more of it and for less money than we do when we buy protectionist clothing, and yet the free trade people buy our raw material, pay freight two ways and duty, and sell these cheaper and better goods.

How is this done?

Manufacturers in legions Hold the legislative ear, Farmers, packers, and importers Raise their voices loud and clear. But despite most careful searching In which every one concurred Mr. Ultimate Consumer Never has been seen or heard. When importers shall have vanished, Manufacturers have died, One Last Man shall be remaining, On the fading clouds astride. He will show himself surviving Tariff, government, and laws—'Twill be Ultimate Consumer, But too late to help the cause. —By McLanburgh Wilson.

One of two sisters who lived together in a principal town in England was suddenly taken with a lung attack she feared was serious. She therefore sent for a specialist and asked her doctor to meet him. Talking over his coming with her sister, she said: "Mona, I wish I could know Sir Henry B's real opinion. Neither he nor Dr. M. will tell us if there is anything

really wrong, but I would much rather know."

Her sister replied: "Do not worry, dearest; you shall know everything, for I will go down to the dining room and stand behind the big oak door and listen to every word they say."

"And you will be sure and tell me, Mona?"

"You may rely on that, dearest: I will tell you every word."

"Even then, dearest," promised the loyal Mona.

The hour for the consultation arrived, and the sister went to the dining room, and standing behind the great oak screen, ensconced herself and prepared to listen.

By and by the two doctors were heard descending the stairs, and a moment later they came into the room. Walking over to the fireplace the specialist sank into an easy chair and the local doctor sank into another. Then followed a moment's silence, broken by the specialist, who leaned a little forward.

"My dear M.," he said, slowly, as he looked across at his colleague, "of all the ugly women, that's the very ugliest woman I've seen in my life."

"Is she?" replied the local doctor. "You wait until you've seen her sister."

The above is evidently an Anglo-Saxon view of the case: a Frenchman once reproved a man of another nationality for a like remark by saying "Aucune femme ne peut etre laide."

A citizen of Antwerp has put to a test the celerity and homing instinct of the swallow as compared with pigeons. He caught a swallow in its nest under his roof at Antwerp, made a red mark on its feathers and sent the bird with a consignment of 250 carrier pigeons by train to Compiègne, in Northern France, a distance of 147 miles.

The birds were released there simultaneously at 7.15 next morning.

The swallow without hesitation made for the north and disappeared like a flash. The pigeons circled laboriously around before deciding which direction they should take.

The swallow reached its nest in Antwerp in sixty-seven minutes, while the pigeons took four hours and seven minutes to cover the distance. In other words, the messenger of spring flew at the rate of nearly an hour, while the speed of the pigeons only slightly exceeded 35.12 miles an hour.

To the old question, "How did you become a writer?" the Rev. Robert E. Knowles, the Canadian author, answers that it was largely through the influence of his wife, who urged him to write, and after a social meeting one evening he sat down and before midnight he had completed the first chapter of his novel, "St. Cuthbert's." Mr. Knowles thinks that probably if he had not begun that evening he might never have become an author, for his duties as a minister of a large parish occupy much time.

The above is a fair sample of the obtuseness of many individuals and the secret of success is often if you try to do something you may be able to do it and didn't know you could till you tried. Many men, when they first came to Alberta, did not know they could work and wash clothes till they tried. Of course the brand varies and there are shades of difference in the work, but sometimes real hidden genius is brought out. When a man puts a patch on a garment he sews it with double thread the strongest he can find and waxes that thread so the clothes wear out before the patch. If he could get thick string he might use that, his usual mania being for solidity. When he has to do his own washing his wardrobe is not usually so extensive.

Again to the Fore.

WHAT CAN HOLD BACK A DIS-TRICT LIKE THIS?

Playne—At the ranch east of town, on Wednesday, June 16, 1909, the wife of L. Playne, of triplets, two sons and a daughter.

There have been three pairs of twins born in the Vermilion district within the past six months and everybody thought that was establishing a pretty good record and one that would be hard to equal elsewhere in the province. Yesterday, however, the district beat its own record, as the above little notice serves to indicate.

The three small strangers weigh collectively 15 1-2 pounds and are all healthy, normal babies in every respect. It is hard to say which is the prouder, the parents or the family physician, Mayor Ryan.

Mrs. Playne, as is generally known, is a sister of H. B. Evans and one of the pioneer residents of the district.—Vermilion Signal.

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The people of Western Canada will remember the time when Mr. Hill pretended to think that this was not a fit place for a white man to live in. He left his native country, and now when our big railway systems are sharpening his envy, he turns his attention to the land whose early development he forsook and left to our faithful fellowmen.

We have been hearing all spring about the vast amounts of money being brought in by settlers, investors and others, and dealers assure us now that the improvement in money circulation is quite noticeable, and when the many millions that will be received for this fall's crop will circulate in the west, there will undoubtedly be a money harvest for all business men.

With such prospects in view, it is timely to advise the retail merchants of Central and Western Canada to get busy, and in order to avoid the delays that will be occasioned by a heavy grain movement, get their houses in order at once.

The railways cannot do everything at a few day's notice, and everyone knows that rushing the grain to the head of the lakes receives first attention every fall.—Commercial

New York, June 25.—Bradstreet's State of Trade today says: Improvement is more manifest this week, the main spring of this being better weather and crop reports and further expansion in the volume of industrial operation. Retail reports are still rather irregular, but on the whole, sales of summer goods have been benefited by more reasonable temperatures. Jobbing trade reports are slightly better, but by far the best reports as to distributive trade still come from wholesale lines which report good crop reports stimulating the placing of business next fall and spring. Collections are rather slower as a whole this week, apparently reflecting weather conditions and the fact that the farmers are now busy with the crops.

Railway earnings returns for April show a 21 per cent. gain in net receipts on an 11.8 per cent increase in gross.

The industries led by iron and steel show expansions of operations, larger output, some advances and more confidence is expressed than at any period since the depression began. The situation in the leather trades is one of great strength based apparently upon the security of hides. Business failures for the week ending with June 24 were 225 against 213 last week, 253 in the like week of 1908, 150 in 1907, 146 in 1906 and 185 in 1905.

In Canada: Conditions of trade reports are favorable, although business at some country points is quiet, owing to farmers being engaged in field work.

Montreal reports improvement in all lines at retail, better demand for hardware, brisk business in summer wear dry goods. Business failures for the week ending Thursday, number 30 which compares with 28 last week and 35 in the same week of 1908.

Bank clearings at thirteen cities for the week terminating last Thursday aggregate \$84,219,000, a drop of 6 per cent from last week, but a gain of 29 per cent over last year.

The bank statement for the month of May shows a continued improvement in business conditions. Demand deposits stood at \$216,916,294, an increase of over one million dollars, while the reserve stood at \$75,755,488, or practically the same figures as in April. The credit side of the statement shows that short loans in Canada totalled \$49,771,929, a slight decrease, while call loans elsewhere stood at \$124,877,955, an increase of over ten millions. Current loans in Canada totalled \$528,313,141, an increase of about four millions. There was a slight increase in the value of bank prem-

ises and a small decrease in the average note circulation.

The grain markets were all heavy because of favorable crop news. A report published by the Kansas State Bureau of Agriculture, well recognized as one of the most conservative and best managed institutions of the kind in the country, made out the statistical condition of wheat in the State as practically the same as last year, which indicates a crop there of about 80,000,000 bushels, or much more than the current estimates of "bulls" on the produce exchanges. Of even more interesting character were the figures of the report giving the condition of corn at 88, the highest since 1902, and the corn acreage of the State as the largest since 1899. If these prospects are general there is at present promise of a national 3,500,000,000 bushel corn crop.—New York Sun.

Edmonton bank clearings continue to mount upwards and each week shows a big increase over last year. The per centage of increase is over 50 per cent of that of the same week last season. For the week ending June 24 the total was \$1,027,610. For the corresponding week last year the total was \$653,865 and for the corresponding week in 1908, \$808,274.

Last week the 50-foot frontage on First street, north of Somerville's hardware store, was sold by Calhoun and Ferguson to John Somerville, senr., for \$27,000, or \$540 a foot frontage. This is the highest frontage rate yet secured for First street realty, the old high water mark being \$500 in a purchase some time ago by Senator McMullen of Ontario. The buildings on the property are the Douglas printing office, Logan's employment office and the U and I Restaurant. The purchaser will make no changes for the present. The property was purchased eight years ago by Calhoun and Ferguson for \$390. For a time the building then erected was used as a feed stable, but was later transformed into business offices. The sale was put through by Mr. Robert Mays.

The concrete foundations are all completed for the large business block which is to be erected on McDougall Ave., on the property immediately in the rear of Potter and McDougall's store.

Plans of the building in the hands of H. A. Magoon, architect, call for a three story building, of brick, with stone facings. The first flat will be occupied by stores, the second by business offices, and the third will be divided into suites of rooms. J. Eller, the proprietor of the block, has moved his family up from Winnipeg and will move into the block as soon as it is completed.

The property which has a frontage of 50 feet and depth of 100 feet, was purchased by Mr. Eller from A. Browne of Winnipeg. It is expected that the contractors for the new block will have it completed within a few months. Mr. Chas. Mays has the work in charge.

There is no substantial difference between the Post Office and the Dominion Government savings banks. This question is often asked. What are known as Dominion Government savings banks are the remains of an old system which began in some Provinces prior to Confederation. This system is being gradually abolished. When vacancies occur in the management of Dominion Government savings banks through death, resignation for other cause, the business is transferred to the Post Office Department, it being the policy of the Government that the whole savings system be managed by that department. Since the 1st June, 1888, thirty-two agencies of the Dominion Government savings banks have been abolished and the business transferred to the Post Office Department.

WANTED, CAPITAL AND RAILROADS.

For six years a man named Von Hamerstein has been boring for oil at Fort McMurray. A few weeks ago this persistent explorer left Ed-

monton to make his seventh trip into Northern Alberta. Crude petroleum deposits have been located at Fort McMurray, a point on the Athabasca River, three hundred miles north of Edmonton. Hamerstein represents some capitalists, and this summer he will install two drills at the west end of Lesser Slave Lake. Fort McMurray will likely figure on a railroad map before many years have passed. The railroad, and no one quite knows which company will tap first the fertility of this immense Northland, may pay dividends from the beginning. Naturally, this will not be observable at first in the financial statement. It does not repay the railroad director to harp too much on the resources of territory over which he proposes to trail locomotives and freight cars.

Edmonton more than any perhaps has faith in this valuable and practically unexplored country. That is because the city is the doorway to existing but undeveloped resources. The area of these portions of Alberta and Saskatchewan lying north of the Saskatchewan watershed is estimated at 250,000 square miles. The trend of settlement in the United States has invariably been westward, being led by railroad construction. A similar pioneering direction has been taken in Canada. The southern portion of Western Canada is being rapidly peopled and developed. The big railroad companies, therefore, are casting their steel lines northward. As the steel of the Grand Trunk Pacific and the National Transcontinental is laid, the eyes of the adventurous, the capitalist and the investor are turned towards these northern reserves.

The most valuable report on this country is perhaps that of the Senate committee appointed some time ago. They obtained first hand information from men who had lived, toiled and explored in a region which one day will support a large population. The fact that Hamerstein is making his seventh oil-boring trip causes one to glance again at the committee's publication. We venture to say that Mr. Hamerstein has not told all he knows. His own and other people's money to the tune of more than sixty thousand dollars has been expended in machinery and actual development for punching holes through the ground around Fort McMurray. He told the committee that this machinery was not for ornamental purposes. The banks of the Athabasca River and Lesser Slave Lake to the mouth of the Little River have been traversed, and soon back to the mouth of the Peace River, and, as Mr. Hamerstein says, "he walked every step of it." A versatile explorer, and an observant one, his evidence touched on agriculture, forestry, fish, game and fur-bearing animals. For two years he went gold mining in the Athabasca and Peace River districts, and has an apparatus for separating the gold from the sand.

Hamerstein also knows where to place his fingers on coal—a good quality of bituminous—oil, salt, and silver, and copper. Of late years, this explorer has devoted his attention to natural gas and petroleum deposits. Attention has frequently been drawn to the waste of natural oil gas for the past dozen years or more at the Government bore hole at Pelican Rapids. A large volume of gas was struck there by the Government boring parties, and the well has never been plugged, although there have been frequent representations made. It would be largely in the interests of the development of the resources of that country that the well should be plugged. Gas has now been escaping for thirteen years. The last report of the Dominion Government was made by the Provincial Government through the Hon. Mr. Cushing. The value of the well has been decreased tremendously in thirteen years, and it is robbing the entire district of gas which may be used in the future.

The Government, at the time the gas flow was struck at Pelican Rapids, was boring for petroleum. They went within sixty miles of where Mr. Hamerstein's parties were once drilling. At a depth of 800 feet they struck a tremendous flow of natural gas, which hindered them from boring any further. They thought the well would exhaust itself. Going back the next year to resume the boring operation, they found that the gas had not

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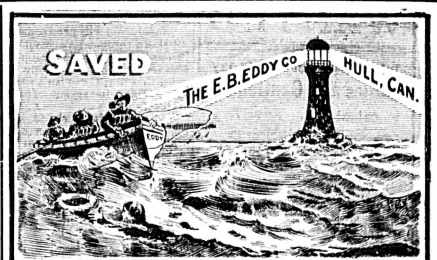
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WITH THE INVESTOR

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exhausted itself. It is still burning. A gas expert, a Mr. Chamberlain, from Petrolia, has stated that it is the biggest well in the world. Mr. Chamberlain operates in Indiana, Kansas, and all over the United States, and is the largest operator in the natural gas business.

Along the Peace River also there is evidence of natural gas, tar, and petroleum. It is put to practical use by exploration parties, who light their camps with it and do their blacksmithing with its aid. Then there are large deposits of asphaltum. It does not resemble that of Trinidad, for there it comes from a crater. The Alberta product is an oil gum, out of which asphalt can be manufactured. Petroleum is apparently abundant. It has been obtained therefrom. Its practical utilization only awaits transportation. So much for a few of the products. Undoubtedly the value of the resources of this vast region cannot be fairly estimated. Only the railroad can make them of real use to Canada. Monetary Times.

London, June 22.—The report of the Hudson's Bay Company shows a trading profit of £80,391 against £141,594. A dividend of £2 10s per share has been declared and £105,764 carried forward. The land sales totalled £69,022 against £80,589.

A striking indication of how fast Canadian financial institutions are growing was afforded by the announcement that the new issue of Consolidated Bonds made by the Dominion Iron and Steel Company had been underwritten in Montreal and Toronto.

This was an entirely new condition of affairs, as the big Canadian corporations, in the past, had always found it absolutely necessary to go to London to effect a bond issue of any proportions, as the Canadian institutions did not, as a rule, have enough capital available to handle any large block of bonds.

In the case of the Consolidated Bond issue of the Dominion Iron and Steel, financiers, who are rather closely connected with the Bank of Montreal and Bank of Commerce felt that they could underwrite the whole issue and later on, when the Iron and Steel Company was in a stronger position than it is just at present, they would be able to dispose of these bonds at an advance of quite a few points in the London market.—Courier.

The managers of the Hotel Cecil intend to enlarge their building at once. The hotel has only been three years in existence but is very popular. The addition will give 40 more bedrooms and the dining room accommodation will be doubled. The new bed rooms will be fitted with baths and the rotunda will be increased at the same time.

Mr. E. A. Bennett, late of Winnipeg, has bought 3200 acres of land near Phillips, Alta., on the G. T. P. line. Mr. Bennett, who has just returned from the section reports that crop prospects look excellent.

Mr. F. Shanner, Namayo avenue merchant, has begun excavation work on a \$20,000 office and store building which he intends to erect this summer at the corner of Namayo avenue and Isabella street. The building will be of brick and will be 62 feet frontage and 72 feet deep, two stories high with full basement.

"Why, I declare," exclaims the trusting wife, "I won't have to buy any new dresses or hats at all this spring!"

"You won't?" asks the crafty husband.

"Surely you will need something."

"Not a thing. I've been looking through this month's fashion magazine that you brought home for me, and I find that there isn't the slightest change in styles from last spring."

And the crafty husband, inwardly gleating over the success of his scheme to paste a this year's cover on a last year's magazine, leans back in his chair and smokes and smokes and smokes.—Judge.

He: I believe I can hear your mother coming down to say "good night."

Sir: Oh, no. Mother is a late sleeper. It must be the maid coming down to lay the fire.—Sketchy Bits.

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Garden Notes

It is commonly supposed in Alberta that when once a garden is planted the soil is rich enough to do the rest. But those who are not students of soils or culture are unaware that a soil may be very rich but yet not in shape to give that nutriment in a hurry to newly introduced plants. Sometimes rich soils do not give out their nutriment until it is dissolved, or broken up into forms which plants can use, so the addition of some manure may do this work, or may supply the necessary ingredients in a ready form to stimulate the plants to do their best in our rather short season.

It is said that, no one can beat a Dutchman growing cabbage. They are certainly very careful people and usually successful where it concerns anything with which pains should be taken. Now a very good Dutch receipt for growing cabbage is to hoe the patch every week, and if there are no weeds the working over of the surface soil, and the keeping it moved, stimulates growth and conserves moisture. Most old growers of large heads manure the ground well, and some give liquid manure to each hill quite often. Of course we may grow fair heads by easier methods, but what is the use of growing one hundred 5 lb heads when on far less ground and at less cost and labor, we can grow half as many, or perhaps a quarter as many, and attain to the same sum total in weight at the end of the season and then store twenty two big heads instead of one hundred 5 lb heads. The larger heads are usually harder and firmer and so better eating.

Of course discretion should be used in these matters, and in the case of table beets or turnips that we wish to store for table use, the coming winter, we do not require them too large so we plant later but grow them quickly, for then they are firmer, more juicy and easier to cook than old tough and large beets or turnips that have been six months coming to maturity and have become hard and stringy.

The large roots may be all right for cattle feed but we need quality in our table vegetables. This is also a matter that needs looking into at our fall fairs for too often in the classes for garden roots and collections of vegetables the prizes are mostly given for mere size. The big roots should be chopped up for the cattle or thrown into the pig pen and the small, firm roots of close texture kept for table use.

Some of our readers may fall with cauliflowers this summer, especially in the drier portions of the province. Cauliflowers like water and require a dose or several doses of liquid manure to do their best. In really hot and dry weather they may, in some locations, refuse to head at all or yield only very small heads, while in damper and cooler weather they may put out heads 12 inches across or even bigger. Cauliflowers usually do well in Alberta, in fact better than in most places on this continent, but conditions must be right or care taken to give them the conditions

they like best or they will not do their best in regard to the part of them which we prefer to eat. They require water, or liquid manure helps them and they must be pushed from the start. When about ready to head out some gardeners advocate collecting the leaves around the heads and tying them near the top to keep the sun from the heads and induce them to form harder or closer balls.

We can be sowing lettuce and radishes at intervals all the summer, constantly obtaining young, fresh and tender salad. Keep on setting out young lettuce plants of the heading sorts, as when once mature a whole bed will go to seed and there should be others to follow.

By planting in August in a cold frame we have had young green lettuce in Alberta, out of the frame in the garden, as late as December 25th and pulled at the bed steadily all the fall. This cold frame should be placed on the south side of a barn or some sheltering fence. On extra cold nights an old blanket or mat should be thrown over the glass, and if the night is very cold should not be removed too early in the morning so as to let the direct rays of the sun onto the frozen plants. In fact if the morning comes out bright and warm lift the glasses and drop them down again in the afternoon. When a plant has been through a very cold night it is sudden exposure to a very warm sun that often kills it. Sometimes spraying frozen plants with cold water draws the frost out and prevents harm.

I have also preserved my pansy bed, which was under the house wall, till quite late in the fall by making a light frame of wood and covering it with cotton. Then when a sudden snow or some severe weather comes along I lean this cotton frame up against the house, over the pansies, removing it when the storm was passed. Enough light goes through the white cotton in the day time to keep the plants in good condition till a storm has passed. Light frames may be made triangular and peaked at the top, then covered with clean factory cotton, which can be used to cover a row of late lettuce in the garden in the fall or the early spring crop and are a great assistance. They cost little, are easy and light to handle. By using a little care and ingenuity our season for green things or flowers can be considerably added to.

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AROUND EDMONTON

On the 23rd I took a drive out and around Edmonton to have a look at the crops. These crops are further advanced than one would expect, considering the late start that was made this spring, but I am inclined to think many fields are further ahead than they were last year at the same time. The greatest area that came into view was out in the Clover Bar district though crops in general are growing everywhere at the present time. Clover Bar is rapidly becoming a well developed farming district.

One field of Alberta Red winter wheat owned by Mr. R. O. Ottwell of Clover Bar, is very level, healthy and strong. On the day that I walked over his field, the 23rd, the grain was about 20 to 22 inches high or an average, with no bare spots, many stools heading out fast so it was not a difficult matter to soon find enough well filled out heads to make a bunch to take home. This crop, with luck, should go 30 to 40 bushels to the acre and perhaps more.

When Alberta Red arrives at that stage it shoots up very quickly. So that two weeks of growing weather should see this field 30 to 35 inches high, and by the end of the month the greatest part of its growth upwards will have been gone through. Of course the time of harvest is hard to predict, but, should the weather remain hot and the rainfall be moderate, this field might be ready to cut at the end of July, but at any rate should be ready early in August for the binder.

There does not seem to be a large acreage of spring wheat near Edmonton in comparison to other grains, but what has been put in is so far very good. The grain has germinated well, is growing evenly with good, broad, healthy blades and is a good color. The spring wheat was about 10 inches to a foot high and coming fast, so at its present rate of progress with some rain and hot weather it will be far advanced by the end of July. It would seem that farmers this time have

been fooled and might have planted more spring wheat.

Oats are doing well, are strong, healthy and thick on the ground in most cases, i.e., where good seed was used. For where fields are thin, in such a growing season as we are having, it would indicate poor seed having been used.

Barley, of course, the seeding of which is left to the last, is making rapid progress, yet is not as high as other grains, but, as it is much more rapid in development, will be ready with the rest and is well forward.

Taking a careful survey of all crops, and providing the season keeps warm, it is fairly safe to say this will not be a late harvest year unless present indications change most materially or we have a wet and cool August; for July will most likely keep up its reputation of being a warm month.

Potatoes are getting well forward and gardens are looking well in many places, but are not quite as far along as they might be, still they had a late start. The hay crop should be good for both brome and timothy are heading out rapidly and will soon have reached their limit. A little more rain would not hurt either though there is a good deal of moisture in the ground.

Small fruits in most gardens look like bearing well as currants are well set, with the fruit showing, also raspberries. The only strawberries I saw have lots of blossom but it was hard to say how much fruit would be set. Taken all in all both tame and wild berries should yield well in the Edmonton country this year.

It would be premature to make a definite promise, but it certainly ought to be safe to predict that the country around Edmonton would be thickly settled in the future as it is a country eminently adapted to close cultivation and a diversification of crops. The natural vegetation, looking at the profusion of wild roses, wild raspberries and other small fruits, the growth of grass, trees, grain, and vegetables would indicate that mixed farming, dairying, fruit and vegetable growing would be the industries of the future, for the soil in texture, moisture and general lay is not by any

means the same as the more southerly portion of the province, where farmers put long reaches into cultivation with great rapidity, but where a different system of farming is more in vogue as conditions are not the same. The problem that has to be grasped is the selection of suitable varieties of plants best fitted for the localities in which they are expected to grow. Comparisons are odious, old people say, and there is no need to compare different parts of Alberta. Some people like one part and some another, so it is best for individuals to suit themselves, but I see little to stop the country I am talking about now from being a great country of homes, which can be nicely sheltered, neatly kept, and made beautiful at comparatively little expense, and as cities increase there are many things that will pay to grow that are only small issues now. More and more good stock is being brought in and seems to thrive, but will need good shelter in winter and then will not cause the owners much anxiety. There is nothing to prevent the Edmonton district from becoming a great dairy country, it should do so and pork packing increase in volume. Then with poultry raising, and feeding of beef in winter, to which may be added the growing of small fruits and vegetables as well as grain, there will be a variety of products to handle and work for all the farmers that can crowd in, as the markets are growing. It is to be hoped that this district will never give itself up to exclusive grain growing, a land exhausting process of doubtful business wisdom too much like plucking, for when the dirt has been washed over the claim is valueless.

The lay of the land and the nature of the country around Edmonton would not seem to indicate that this would not be the case, and it is to be hoped it will not be so, for, as a rule, though stock prospects may not have been too rosy so far, it is the stock farmer that prospers and hands on a sufficiency to the rising generation. In some parts of the Old Country, where rents are high, farmers do well and cultivate little or none of the acreage of their farms, depending upon stock entirely

but keeping up the fertility of their grass land to a high pitch.

It would seem that it would pay well to put a good deal of land into hay, for the cost of handling grass land is light and the ultimate revenue therefrom may be more than from grain crops with less risk. A good sized farm, having its proportion of grain land, hay land and live stock would be easier to work and about the right thing, yielding an income the year round; for if we journey to the west and most favored locations on the continent, or put all our eggs into one basket, trying each season to grow only one crop on the farm, and then lose that one crop, the whole season's living and profits are gone. Probably one of the worst disasters that has occurred was the wrecking of the orange groves in Florida in the winter of 1923 by one night's frost. Millions of dollars had gone into the industry but a few hours of cold put it out of business in one of the most southerly portions of the continent.

A sudden drop in temperature often spells a loss of millions in the cotton crop, and, wherever we find a location depending upon one staple for its livelihood, we are likely to find a very poor country with people at their wits end for money.

The more we raise the less money we send abroad for the necessities of life, and the thicker and more prosperous can our inhabitants become. The crop prospects so far in the Edmonton district this year are very good.

There are certain commodities that we need and can produce. In order to be prosperous we must either produce these or produce something else to obtain wealth with which to buy the above-noted commodities. As we do not at present make or produce anything much that we can exchange for other commodities except farm products, it stands to reason that it is our best road to prosperity to grow as great a diversity of farm produce as possible, so as to have sufficient for our own use and not be obliged to buy things we can raise at home. For if we export, but one line, our surplus grain, and import everything else we need we pay the freight on our grain going out and on everything we use coming in. A country

may choose which of two methods it will use, but what may be feasible for a country situated close to its market may not be the best thing for one situated, as we are, a long way from our market and base of supplies, as we have to pay for the long haul both ways. Local merchants and traders should encourage home grown produce as much as possible for their own benefit, for money made out of this comes back to them.

We are possibly too much inclined to consider ourselves two classes—the producer and consumer. But are not the producers also consumers and really most of us producer-consumer, whether farmer or not?

There is too great a tendency amongst us to apologize for our country as a farming country, especially if there is a partial failure of crop or one season poorer than another. There is no farming locality that is absolutely safe and sure either north or south, east or west, on either side of the Atlantic or Pacific. Every farming country has its varieties in seasons and no matter where we farm there are risks and uncertainties; so as farming is the basis of prosperity in Alberta as elsewhere, and can never be made mathematically certain as it depends largely upon the elements and the seasons. We are entitled to consider our country as safe a farming country as any other. A universal study of agriculture might lead a whole business community, farmers and townsmen, to work in harmony for the benefit of both.

Squeezing the farmers when the elements are against him tends to harm his produce on the market at a lower price than he should obtain, which is a loss to all of us, as in reality we are depending upon the welfare of the farmers for the growth and prosperity of the country; so boards of trade and farmers' associations in our present status, if not for all time, should be working together, as the farmer is the most important branch of the business community as at present constituted. It is therefore a pleasure to record that in the Edmonton district the crop prospects of 1909 are most promising though we cannot guarantee a certainty. If the crops are good the community in general will feel the good thereof.

E. N. B.

Satisfied Sam

Sittin' on de mill dam, gazin at de wheel,
Blue cock a-bobbin' in de stream,
Waitin' foh de cutfish, de sunny en de ed
To nibble while he sit deh en dream.
Nebbeh euhn a penny, patches on his clo's,
But he's es happy es a clam:
When'd he cum fum? What's his name? Nobody knows—
Dess call him "Satisfied Sam."

Like in a shrunty wid leak holes in de top,
Heh de raindrops patch froo;
But Sam he grin en say: "Ah guess et will stop—
When de heavens change fum gay to sunny blue,
Bacon gittin' thumbe, meal bin mighty low,
But he say: "Ah still kin dig de yam."
What's de use to worry? Dess take things es dey go!
Dat's his motto—"Satisfied Sam."

Lahoh, lahoh, lahoh, sunup till dusk,
Wukkin wid a balky tempehed mule,
Plough handles biesth till Ah gotter cuss—
While Sam am a-talkin' things so cool.
See him comin' 'long, heah his green pole swish
Rollin' de "baecy in his pu'm;
Why ain't yo' wukkin'?" "Man, Ah'd radden fish!"
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